

AUTOPSY PERFORMED ON SEARLES'S BODY

Traces of Poison Sought
Sixteen Months After
Interment.

SECRECY MAINTAINED

Action by District Attorney
Taken in Response to Long
Current Rumors.

VITAL ORGANS REMOVED

Lawrence, Essex County and
Massachusetts Represented
at Investigation.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
LAWRENCE, MASS., Oct. 28.—Acting
under instructions from District At-
torney S. Howard Donnell of Essex
county, Dr. George B. Magrath, medi-
cal examiner of Suffolk county, as-
sisted by Dr. George W. Dow, medical
examiner in the local district, per-
formed an autopsy to-day on the body
of Edward F. Searles, who died here
a year ago last August.

The autopsy, which lasted four hours,
was performed in the catacomb of the
tomb on the estate, Pine Lodge. Com-
plete secrecy was maintained by those
in a position to know of the affair.

The vital organs of the body were
taken to Boston this afternoon by Dr.
Magrath, who will turn them over to
Dr. William J. Boos of Harvard Medi-
cal School for a chemical and micro-
scopic examination to determine the
possible presence of arsenic or other
poison in the stomach.

The autopsy was performed as a result
of rumors that have been in circulation
since the death of Mr. Searles, and was
prompted by an anonymous letter to the
District Attorney stating that the cir-
cumstances surrounding the death war-
ranted another investigation and by
statements of Victor G. Reed, Assistant
Medical Examiner and attending physi-
cian for Mr. Searles. The doctor, who
said he would welcome an autopsy, con-
firmed the report that Mr. Searles had
a sudden illness the symptoms of which
were, he described, as "compatible with
arsenical poisoning."

Drs. Magrath and Dow and Dr.
Magrath's stenographer were the only
ones present during the entire time of
the autopsy. Several others, including
representatives of State, county and
town, were present at intervals.

The body, inclosed in a sealed bronze
coffin, was removed from the crypt after
a granite slab, held in place by cement,
had been displaced.

Dr. Magrath, who drove from Boston
in his automobile, arrived soon after 11
o'clock. The work of the autopsy started
immediately.

Despite the fact that the body had
been interred for about sixteen months
it was in an excellent state of preserva-
tion. Dr. Dow said to-night that the
autopsy was one of the most thorough
he had ever witnessed.

MEXICAN SEIZURES REPORTED.

MADRID, Oct. 28.—Premier Maura has
received a telegram from the Spanish
Agricultural Federation asserting that
Mexicans are seizing all Spanish prop-
erty in Mexico and that the Mexican Gov-
ernment declines to pay attention to the
protests of Spanish owners.

LINER BERENGARIA MISSES CHERBOURG ON TRIP EAST

After Nine Day Voyage Big Vessel Crawls Into South-
ampton and Transfers Passengers for France, Owing
to Fuel Shortage, George M. Cohan Explains.

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New York Herald Bureau.
London, Oct. 28.

Passengers arriving in London late
to-night who were landed at Southam-
pton from the Cunarder Berengaria,
formerly the Imperator, declare that
the big vessel had a rough time in her
nine days' voyage from New York.

She was only able to crawl into South-
ampton and her captain was forced to
stop at Cherbourg.

While no explanation is forthcoming
from Cunard officials here as to why
the Berengaria did not go to Cher-
bourg, George M. Cohan, the theatrical
producer, who was one of the pas-

sengers, told THE NEW YORK HERALD
correspondent that he believed the
Berengaria was not only short of fuel
but had experienced engine trouble
which necessitated a curtailment of the
distance usually covered in a full pas-
sage. Passengers bound for Cherbourg
were transferred to another vessel at
Southampton to-night, but were not
told why they had not been landed at
the French port.

It was announced in July that the
Berengaria would be converted into an
oil burner when she arrived at South-
ampton at the end of October. She
will join the Mauretania, already in the
hands of workmen, and when the two
Cunarders enter New York harbor on
their next trips both will be oil
burners.

WESLEYAN STUDENT MYSTERIOUSLY SLAIN

Kenneth R. Losey Stabbed and
Body Thrown Into Niagara
River Near Buffalo.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BUFFALO, Oct. 28.—Kenneth R. Losey,
a student at Wesleyan College in Mid-
dletown, Conn., and the son of M. D.
Losey, principal of the Northport, L. I.,
High School, was murdered before his
body was thrown into the Niagara River
near here, according to the findings of
Dr. Earl G. Daner, medical examiner.

Dr. Daner, who has just finished an
examination and an autopsy of the body,
said to-night that young Losey had been
stabbed and that he was dead before the
murderers tossed the body into the
river.

Death was caused by a deep stab
wound on the left side, penetrating up-
ward about six inches. The medical ex-
aminer said he did not think that the
wound could have been self-inflicted,
which upsets the police theory that the
boy killed himself.

Losey, who was 23 years old, left
Middletown on October 13, with his room-
mate, W. E. Mansfield, who accompanied
Losey as far as New Haven. Mansfield
has told the police that Losey told him
he intended to go on to New York to
see the last game of the world series,
and then go to Northport to spend his
last ten day leave with his parents.
Nothing more was heard of the boy, and
when his leave expired the college au-
thorities inquired of his parents when
he would return.

Mr. Losey sent word to the college that
he had not heard from his son for more
than three weeks and that he was com-
ing to Middletown for an investigation.
He left Northport this morning, and it
is expected that he will come to Buffalo
to-night, after talking to the authorities
of the college. When the boy left Man-
sfield at New Haven he carried a gold
watch with a fob, a pocket Bible and
about \$25. The fob and the Bible were
in his pockets when his body was found,
but the watch and the money were gone.

Dean F. W. Nicolson of Wesleyan said
at Middletown this morning that young
Losey had a fine record in his studies
and that he was well liked on the cam-
pus. So far as the college authorities
have been able to learn, he had no en-
emies. The police believe the boy was in-
duced to come to Buffalo by some one he
met on the train after young Mansfield
had left him at New Haven.

CONVICTION IS AFFIRMED.

ALBANY, Oct. 28.—The Court of Ap-
peals to-day affirmed the conviction of
George Brade for murder in the first
degree. Brade was found guilty of
shooting Margaret Van Patten to death
in the town of Maryland, Otsego county,
in August, 1920.

ARMAMENT PARLEY TO BEGIN NOV. 12

Delay of Day Due to Burial of
Unknown War Hero on
Armistice Day.

PLANS PLEASE HARDING

State Department Puzzled
Over Invitations to First
Session Open to Public.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau.
Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.

It was announced at the State Depart-
ment to-day that the first session of the
conference on the limitation of arma-
ments will be held not on November 12,
the date officially mentioned in the for-
mal invitations, but on Saturday morn-
ing, November 13. For sentimental rea-
sons was desired that the conference
begin on November 11 because that is
the third anniversary of the signing of
the armistice which brought the world
war to an end.

But that is the day when the unknown
American soldier will be buried in Ar-
lington National Cemetery and all of
the conference delegates and other no-
table men from foreign countries and United
States Government officials will take
part in that elaborate ceremony.

President Harding on his return from
his Southern trip to-day let it be known
that he is greatly pleased with the ar-
rangements which have been made for
the opening of the conference and with
the expressions of the distinguished for-
eign delegates and advisers who have
already reached this country. He is
very hopeful of beneficial results from
the gathering.

The State Department is not a little
embarrassed by the necessity of de-
termining who shall be invited to wit-
ness the opening session of the con-
ference, which is to be held in Con-
gress Hall, the home of the Daugh-
ters of the American Revolution, and
will be one of the few public sessions.
The seating capacity of the hall is
about 1,100. Since the public is to be
represented through the newspapers,
unlimited liberty will be exercised in
granting to correspondents suitable rep-
resentation. It is expected about 300
actual working newspaper men will be
accommodated.

The seating capacity of the hall will
approximate that of the Senate Cham-
ber, so it will be possible to admit mem-
bers of the Supreme Court, the Senate
and House and members of the Diplo-
matic Corps.

The delegates will be seated about a
horseshoe shaped table at the front of
the hall, occupying the outside of the
semi-circle, while clerks and interpre-
ters will occupy the space within. Sec-
retary of State Hughes will call the
conference together at 10 o'clock, and
this action will be followed by the ad-
dress of welcome by the President of
the United States.

It has not been decided just how the
delegations will be arranged about the
table space, but it is assumed they will
be arranged in alphabetical order, as
was done at the Versailles conference, in
order to avoid any difficult questions of
precedence.

GERMANY SEEKS MAN FOR U. S. AMBASSADOR

Few Candidates Willing to
Assume Financial Burden.

BERLIN, Oct. 28 (Associated Press).—
The German Government is still en-
deavoring to find a man willing to ac-
cept the post as Ambassador to the
United States. Very few possible can-
didates are willing to assume the finan-
cial burden of upholding the social rank
of an Ambassador in the United States.

The latest candidate to be considered
is Prince von Hatzfeldt-Trachenberg,
former Counselor of the German Em-
bassy at Washington and not Com-
missioner of the occupied Rhineland
zone. He is a son-in-law of Baron von
Stumm, a former German diplomat, and
a leading industrialist of the Saar
region.

BRIAND OFF TO-DAY ON HISTORIC TRIP

Brings With Him Nation's
Hope for Guaranties Per-
mitting Arms Reduction.

TO REFUTE 'IMPERIALISM'

Press Warns France Will Re-
ceive Nothing Tangible
From Washington.

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New York Herald Bureau.
Paris, Oct. 28.

Premier Briand and the French dele-
gation, consisting of thirty-nine persons,
which he will head to the forthcoming
Washington conference, will embark at
Havre for America to-morrow, carrying
with them the well wishes of the entire
French nation. For France the voyage
that commences to-morrow will be his-
toric. Not since Rene Viviani, then
Premier, made the memorable trip to
St. Petersburg with President Poincare,
just before the outbreak of the war, has
a French Premier left his home soil on
so long a voyage. Never before has
any such aggregation of talent left
France on any foreign mission, thus tes-
tifying to the importance the nation at-
taches to the Washington conference.

Public and private comment here in-
dicates clearly that the desire of France
is, first, that through this notable voyage
Premier Briand will succeed in refuting
the charge of imperialism made against
France, a charge which every French-
man takes seriously to heart, and, sec-
ondly, that he will bring back here with
him tangible guarantees of France's
security sufficient to enable her to bring
her budget for military and naval de-
fence and instruction to the very min-
imum.

The financial section of Premier
Briand's delegation is especially strong,
and includes Jean Duplan, a noted econ-
omist and owner of the Duplan silk
mills in Hazleton, Pa. Philippe Bunau
Varrilla goes as one of the technical
advisers.

Arrangements will be made for Pre-
mier Briand to be kept constantly in
touch with French affairs by wireless
during the voyage to the United States.
Under no consideration will Premier
Briand stay in Washington more than
two weeks. THE NEW YORK HERALD
Bureau is informed. On December 3
occurs a discussion of the important
question of French relations with the
Vatican, at which Premier Briand has
promised to answer interpellations in the
Senate.

The Oeuvre refers to Premier Briand's
role in Washington as that of a "peace
apostle," but on the other hand, M.
Capus, writing in the Gaulois, reminds
M. Briand: "There cannot be any basis
of general disarmament established until
Germany's means of destruction have
been eliminated. The conference will
provide nothing valuable unless this dif-
ficulty is first overcome."

The Temps to-night warns Premier
Briand that he must not attempt to
play the role of mediator in Wash-
ington unless he is specifically asked to
do so by other Powers, while certain other
influential newspapers here are now in-
clined to believe that the Premier's par-
ticipation in the conference will be lim-
ited, because the United States, En-
gland and Japan will occupy the limelight
in all the discussions to the exclusion
of France.

The Republique Francaise goes even
further than this, declaring that Premier
Briand's idea of inviting the Americans
to sign a new pact guaranteeing France
against any German invasion in the fu-

ture is "as unrealistic as a voyage
to the moon."

"Therefore, do not let us accept such
dangerous illusions," it continues. "There
is nothing tangible for us to receive
from the Washington conference, and
the Premier, in trying to assume a role
to which he is not invited, is likely to
provoke much discontent by showing
too much zeal for his mission."

PARIS, Oct. 28 (Associated Press).—
The French delegation to the Washing-
ton conference is finally completed to-
day comprises four principal delegates—
M. Briand, Viviani, Sarraut and Jus-
serand—thirty-four advisers and ex-
perts, who, with stenographers and
clerks, will bring the total number of
the delegation to about sixty. The dele-
gation indicates the great care taken by
Premier Briand to get the best men
France affords to help him at Wash-
ington. Every department of the dele-
gation is represented by men well known
for their competency.

The advisers are headed by Philippe
Berthelot, General Secretary of Foreign
Affairs, and include M. Fromageot, noted
jurisconsult; M. Caron of Premier
Briand's personal office staff, and Louis

Leger, secretary of the French Legation
at Peking.

The financial experts are headed by
Maurice Casanave, French High Com-
missioner in the United States, and in-
clude Pierre Cheysson, Inspector of
Finances; M. Deslreyes and M. Renken-
son, prominent authorities on finance.
The military advisers are headed by
Major-General Buaud, Chief of Staff.

Admiral de Bon is the head of the
group of naval advisers. Minister of
the Colonies Sarraut will have the fol-
lowing persons as his aids: M. Duches,
State Councillor for Colonial Questions;
M. Tourget and Mr. Garner, Governor
of Indo-China.

JAP STEAMSHIP FOUNDERS.

SEATTLE, Oct. 28.—The Japanese
steamship Fukui Maru sank 375 miles
off Cape Flattery, Washington, at mid-
night last night in a hurricane, but her
passengers and crew were picked up by
the freighter West Ivan, according to a
wireless message received by the Har-
bor Department here early this morning.
She was bound for Seattle from Kobe.

DUEL ON U. S. TANKER OVER A FRENCH GIRL

Butcher Knives Used; Pitts-
burgh Man May Die.

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Paris, Oct. 28.

A fight with butcher knives below
decks on the American tanker Pawnee,
undergoing repairs at Cherbourg ar-
senal, resulted in the probably fatal
wounding of James Connors of Pitts-
burgh. The altercation was over a
French girl who had attracted the fancy
of both, but who had shown preference
for James Kearns of Chicago. The lat-
ter succeeded in slaying his adversary
over the head six times and slightly
wounding some of his fellow sailors
before he was subdued and arrested.
Connors was sent to a hospital at
Cherbourg, where his recovery is con-
sidered doubtful.

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